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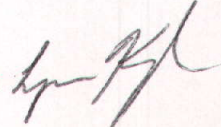
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TO: Minerals File

FROM: Lynn Kunzler, Reclamation Specialist 

RE: Site Inspection, Dove Creek Quarry, M/003/016, Box Elder County, Utah

Date of Inspection: April 10, 1996  
Time of Inspection: 2:30 pm  
Conditions: clear  
Participants: William and Preston Bown, Operators; Gordon Struthers, USFS; and Lynn Kunzler, DOGM

Purpose of Inspection: Discuss problems with access road.

Access to the Dove Creek Quarry area is via a combined Forest Service access road and Box Elder County class 'D' road. The county classification does not permit the Bown's to travel on this road when it is wet, which restricts their operation to 5 to 6 months of the year. With the opportunity to increase production at this quarry, The Bown's would like a better access road that could be open for most of the year. Using a map of the area, a proposed route was selected that would be favorable to the Forest Service. However, the Bown's were told that they would need to get the Box Elder County Commission to sign off on moving the road out of its current alignment, and that they would need to get permission from the surface land owner to relocate the road. The Bown's were told that if this could be done and the old road reclaimed, they would not be held to reclaim the new road nor would they be bonded for it. However, if the County would not agree to accept a new alignment, it would be considered a private mine access road and would be included in the mine disturbance and reclamation surety.

As we finished this discussion, Denton Beecher, Box Elder County Surveyor, and the 4 Box Elder County Commissioners showed up on site to inspect the damage that had been done when the Bown's had entered the Quarry a couple weeks earlier. The proposal was bounced off them and they appeared to be receptive to the idea. However, they would need to draft plans for the new alignment and put it out for public bid. Their major stumbling block would be the funding of the construction (they have no budget for building this type of road). Another option would be for the Bown's to get permission from the Surface owner to build a private access road and once completed, the County could take over. This option would require the Bown's to include the disturbed acreage in their mine permit and have it covered by the surety until the county accepted the road and the old road was reclaimed.

We ended the discussion with options left to the Bown's to decide what would be the best course of action for them to take.

cc: William and Preston Bown, Operators  
Gordon Struthers, USFS

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